

SENATE BILL 3273
By Crowe

AN ACT to designate the bridge on State Route 381 spanning the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Washington County in honor of Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr. of Stewart County, who formerly served with acumen and diligence as a professor of learning disorders and the care of dementia disabled adults at East Tennessee State University and the Quillen College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary Tennessean and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his friends and fellow citizens throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, this devoted educator knew firsthand the immense value of education, having earned an undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Vance served with acumen and alacrity as a professor at several universities, but his heart always remained true to his undergraduate alma mater; for the past several years, he served ETSU and the Quillen College of Medicine as a professor in learning disorders and care of dementia disabled adults, earning high praise from his students and peers alike for the unsurpassed quality of his work and his character; and

WHEREAS, known throughout the profession as an innovator, Dr. Vance was a world-renowned scholar, leader, and speaker on childhood learning disorders and care of disabled

adults; his expertise was exhibited through a remarkable number of journal articles, books, and speaking engagements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vance's legacy will continue to live for many years through the knowledge that he shared with his students and peers; this great man truly improved the world throughout his life, and that life was a gift to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of accomplishment and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; he earned unfettered respect for the exemplary quality of his service to higher education, for his unsurpassed work ethic, and for his unquestionable integrity; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the bountiful life of Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr., an exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge which spans the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks on United States Highway 321 (State Route 381), known as State of Franklin Road, at log mile 2.07 in Washington County and is adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Mountain Home and the Quillen College of Medicine is hereby designated the "Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on State Route 381 in Washington County as the "Dr. Herbert "Booney" Vance, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

